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COMPULSORY UPLINKING POLICY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have no policy regarding compulsory uplinking of foreign TV channels from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will make any provision in the proposed Convergence Bill forcompulsory uplinking of foreign TV channels from India; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the foreign TV channels would be brought under the jurisdiction ofIndian law in the absence of any specific legal provision?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) As per policy, it is not mandatory for TV channels including foreign channels to uplink from India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Convergence Bill is still in the drafting stage.

(d) The programmes of foreign TV channels, when transmitted through cable networks, are requiredto adhere to the programme/advertisement code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.